

Water Policy Technical Advisory Committee
Minutes of Meeting of August 18, 2003
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Water Policy Technical Advisory Committee Members:

Dan Kavanaugh, VAPDC	Art Petrini, Henrico County
Tom Gray for Robert Taylor, VDH	David Kovacs for Jesse Richardson, VAPA
Tom Botkins, VMA	Charlie Crowder, Fairfax County Water Authority
Mike Thacker, AEP	William E. Cox, Virginia Tech
Shelton Miles, CPR	Jerry Higgins, Blacksburg, Christiansburg, VPI
Frank Sanders, City of Winchester	Water Authority
Judy K. Dunscomb, The Nature Conservancy	Robert Royall, VA. Water Well Association
Terry Reid, VAWWA	Jeffery Irving, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Guy Aydtlett, VAMWA	Josh Rubinstein, VA. Rural Water Association
Ken Roller for Cathy Taylor, Dominion	Robert Conner, Brunswick County
Mike West, HBAV	Ward Staubitz, USGS
Brian Ramaley, Newport News Water Works	David Paylor, Deputy SNR
Eldon James, RRBC	William Stoneman, VA. Farm Bureau
Patti Jackson, James River Association	
Sam Hamilton, VA. Agribusiness Council	

Members Absent:

Christopher Miller, Piedmont Environmental Council	Ed Imhoff
	Bob Burnley, DEQ

DEQ and Facilitation staff:

Terry Wagner	Barbara Hulburt
Scott Kudlas	Mark Rubin
Ellen Gillinsky	Bill Ellis

Interested Parties:

John Kauffman, DGIF	Brent Waters, Golder Associates
John Carlock, VAPDC alternate	Paul Jacobs, Christian & Barton
Becky Mitchell, City of Virginia Beach	Clayton Walton, Williams Mullen
Thomas Leahy, City of Virginia Beach	Ray Jackson, WWAC
Craig Ziesemer, City of Suffolk	Tom Roberts, VMA alternate
Guy Cerimele, AEP	Sadie Murphy
John Lain, AWWA	
Alisia Penn, City of Richmond	
Paul Holt, City of Richmond	
Traci Goldberg, FCWA	
Larry Land, VACO	
Denise Thompson, VML	
Wyatt Little, DHCD	
Kristen Lentz, City of Norfolk	

Summary of the Meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting were received without objection or correction.

The purpose of the meeting was stated to be to conclude the first phase of the TAC's work by bringing together the "pieces" that had been worked on by the respective small groups. The first phase had been an effort to share and gather information to form the basis of the work of drafting a planning regulation. The goal was to have the work of the small groups presented to the full TAC, discuss it within reconstituted small groups, and identify those areas of consensus upon which DEQ could begin its work of drafting a regulation. The draft regulation would then be the vehicle for further discussion by the TAC.

Scott Kudlas discussed the public hearing and comments received on the NOIRA for a planning regulation. A public meeting was held on July 17th. Although members of the public were present, no public comment was received. One written comment was received describing the storing of water in quarries in Loudon County. No further action is expected under the APA process until the TAC has completed its work on the planning regulation.

The facilitators for each of the small groups then made summary presentations of the work of each group. The content of these reports is reflected in the written reports and matrices that are attached to these minutes. Questions were asked and comments made on the substance of the reports but detailed comment was deferred for discussion in the reconstituted small groups later in the meeting.

After the conclusion of the presentations of the work of the small groups, the TAC listed a number of issues for future discussion which were termed "overarching issues". They are as follows:

1. Who is going to pay for planning?
2. Source water protection
3. Thinking broadly about how to "do things" in the 50 year planning window
4. When does one have to prepare a plan? What is the triggering mechanism?
5. What is the interrelationship between local plans and the state plan?
6. What is the role of the Department of Health and other agencies in approving local plans for inclusion in the state plan?
7. Should plans be developed at all?
8. Statutory requirement that local plans be developed
9. Where do "unpermitted withdrawals" stand in a local, regional, or state plan?
10. Encourage ... Incentives for alternative water sources such as desalinization

One member summarized the purpose of the TAC as providing guidance to DEQ on how to bridge the gap between prior practice and the future requirements/

The small groups were then reconstituted and asked to review the reports of each previous small group to identify areas of consensus. Those areas of consensus would then become the basis for the beginning of DEQ's work to draft a planning regulation. Each member was asked to consider the following questions in the review of the issues:

1. Can I live with this?
2. What information do I need?
3. What concerns keep me from supporting what is here?
4. What would make it possible for me to support it?

The meeting was then adjourned so that the small groups could meet to review the reports.